

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2011-2012**

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

DEEWR Question No. EW1085_12

Senator Abetz asked on 15 February 2012 , Hansard page 44

“Refers to previous DEEWR Question No EW0496_12”.

Question

FWO - Legal advice for independent contracting documents

Senator ABETZ: I received a nice letter on 6 February 2012 from the Ombudsman enclosing documents about independent contracting. I am just wondering whether in their preparation legal advice was sought, and whether it was internal or external? Mr Wilson: I might need to take that on notice. Certainly legal advice would have been sought but as to where I will need to check.

Answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman has provided the following response

Internal legal advice was sought in relation to the Independent contracting brochures titled:

- “Independent Contracting, Is your contract a sham?”;
- “Fair work in the contact centre industry”,
- “Fair work in the cleaning industry”, and
- “Fair work in the hair and beauty industry”